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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

15. (Amended) A method of subtyping Streptococci which includes the step of detecting the presence or absence of a polynucleotide as claimed in claim

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